



NORTHEAST LICC REPORT



First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles, representing 31 counties

Regional LICC status: May 14, 2004

Active LICCs: 11 representing 22 counties

Inactive LICCs: 1 representing 1 county

LICCs in development: 8 representing 8 counties

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

- Resource development
- Provider recruitment
- Quality assurance of services
- Share information with providers and community resources
- Child Find
- Legislative advocacy
- Community collaboration
- Public awareness
- Transition to ECSE
- Assist families to access community services

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

All LICCs continue to collaborate with their SPOE and receive monthly update of SPOE activities:

Early Childhood Advisory Council (Boone Co.) – The members completed community awareness activities at a Muscular Dystrophy Fair at University Hospital, Columbia, and an Autism Educators Network meeting.

Cole County – The meetings consist of networking and presentations by different providers on services.

Cooper/Howard Counties – A memorandum of agreement has been drafted between the LICC and the SPOE, which should be completed at the July meeting.

Jefferson County Early Childhood Council – The LICC has contacted the library to place First Steps displays in all their branches

Lincoln County Partners in Children's Services (Lincoln Co.) – The LICC co-sponsored a "country" activity for the preschools in the county and had First Steps materials available. Over 700 children with many parents attended.

Montgomery County Early Childhood Network – The Parents as Teachers hand out First Steps brochures when they do screenings. The public awareness committee is very active placing articles in the local newspaper and has contacted the Hermann paper about placing articles in their newspaper.

Northeast Early Childhood Network (Macon, Adair, Schulyer, Knox, Lewis counties)- The LICC has been concentrating on gathering information on autism and had a second presentation by Dr. Miles. Plans are being completed for transition training for providers, parents and interested persons.

Randolph County Early Intervention Council – First Steps brochures have been sent to the kindergarten and preschool in Higbee. The Director of Social Services at the Moberly Regional Medical Center was contacted and provided information about referral to First Steps. To promote First Steps Day, the LICC arranged for the mayor of Moberly to sign a First Steps Day proclamation and sent the DESE news release to the Moberly Monitor-Index.

St. Charles County Early Childhood Network – In March members of the legislative committee went to Jefferson City to meet with legislators. The committee will continue to have a presence in Jefferson City and will be working with the St. Charles County Coalition on legislative issues.

Callaway County – an LICC development meeting will be held in Fulton on May 27th.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- Provider availability is a concern once again in all of the Northeast region especially in all the therapies
- Need for module training in the Mid-Missouri region
- Stability of First Steps
- Parent involvement on LICCs
- Parents coming to Part B with little knowledge of the IEP process and demanding inappropriate services they have been told will be provided
- Need for a provider forum or meeting to allow providers to network and problem solve

Key points and significant information to provide SICC

- The LICCs are not allowed to use the First Steps logo because it is trademarked. This makes child find more difficult since the logo cannot be used on flyers or display boards.
- Independent service coordinators are concerned about the SPOE and DMH being the only offerors of service coordination in the future.
- The Matrix does not show an accurate picture of providers who will travel to the home.
- Relationship with the SPOE is going well in Region 26.
- There is a need for more transition training for First Steps providers, ECSE, and parents.
- There is concern that the RFP for regional consultant does not include a relationship with the LICC.
- There is concern about the future of LICCs.
- The St. Charles County Early Childhood Network is interested in hosting a provider forum.